

***Amendment to Claims***

1       1. (Currently Amended). A device for deterring pets from scratching fabric of home  
2       furnishings comprising:

3           a generally planar transfer sheet ~~made of a first material~~;  
4           a plurality of rectangular strips, each of the strips having a length substantially greater  
5       than its width, the strips being arranged side-by-side on the transfer sheet, each of the strips  
6       having first and second adhesive surfaces on opposite sides, each of the strips being releasably  
7       adhered to the transfer sheet on the first adhesive surface;

8           a plurality of release layers, ~~each of the release layers made of a second material different~~  
9       ~~than the first material~~, each of ~~said~~ the release layers being completely bisected along an axis  
10      parallel to the length of the strip and each of the release layers having a length substantially the  
11      same as the length of each of the strips, each of ~~said~~ the release layers releasably adhered on ~~said~~  
12      the second adhesive surface of the strips;

13           wherein the strips are adapted to be removed from the transfer sheet and releasably  
14       adhered to the home furnishing on the first adhesive surface, and the release layers are adapted to  
15       be removed from the second adhesive surface revealing the second adhesive surface; and  
16           wherein the first and second adhesive surfaces are formulated from an invisible adhesive  
17       of sufficient strength to cause an unpleasant sticking sensation to pets.

1       2. (Currently Amended). The device of claim 1 wherein said strips are uniformly  
2       spaced apart from one another by gaps on the transfer sheet that are parallel to the length of the  
3       strips and are of sufficient width to provide an indication of an edge of the plurality of strips and

4        the bisection of the plurality of strips allow removal of the strips without bending of the transfer  
5        sheet to facilitate removal of the strips from the transfer sheet.

1            3.        (Currently Amended). The device of claim 1 wherein the strips are separated by a  
2        side margin indicator means for preventing confusion between a bisection cut in each release  
3        layer and a side margin of the strips a side margin indicator of a different character than the  
4        bisected release layers.

1            4.        (Currently Amended). The device of claim 1 wherein the strips are fairly rigid,  
2        rectangular and corrugated plastic device further includes a cut in each of said release layers  
3        extending along said lengths of said release layers, which splits said release layers lengthwise to  
4        facilitate removal of said release layers from said strips the transfer sheet is rigid.

1            5.        (Canceled).

1            6.        (Canceled).

1            7.        (Currently Amended). A device for deterring pets from clawing an object  
2        comprising:  
3            a transfer sheet;  
4            a strip having a first adhesive surface and a second adhesive surface, the strip being fairly  
5        rigid, rectangular and corrugated plastic, the strip releasably adhered to the transfer sheet a  
6        release layer on the first adhesive surface; and,

7        ~~a release layer having substantially less rigidity than the transfer sheet adhered on the~~  
8        ~~second adhesive surface, wherein the release layer includes a cut which divides the release layer~~  
9        ~~into at least two equal portions, allowing removal of the portions without substantial bending of~~  
10      ~~the transfer sheet strip.~~

1        8.        (Currently Amended). The device of claim 7 further comprising a base sheet and  
2        a side margin indicator means, directly adjacent the base sheet, for preventing confusion between  
3        the cut and a side margin of the strip~~wherein the transfer sheet comprises a plurality of strips~~  
4        ~~uniformly spaced apart from one another by gaps with widths greater than about 10% of the~~  
5        ~~width of each of the strips.~~

1        9.        (Currently Amended). The device of claim 7 comprising a plurality of strips  
2        arranged side by side ~~on the transfer sheet.~~

1        10.       (Currently Amended). The device of claim 7 wherein the first adhesive surface  
2        ~~and the second adhesive surface are~~ is formulated from a water soluble and transparent adhesive.

1        11.       (Original). The device of claim 7 wherein the cut splits the release layer  
2        lengthwise.

1        12.       (Currently Amended). The device of claim 7 ~~wherein the cut splits the release~~  
2        ~~layer crosswise~~ further comprising a base sheet affixed to the strip and an indicator means  
3        adjacent the base sheet for indicating the difference between the cut and a margin of the strip.

1           13. (Original). The device of claim 7 wherein the strip is transparent.

1           14. (Currently Amended). The device of claim 13 wherein the strip is substantially  
2       the same length as the ~~transfer sheet~~ release layer.

1           15. (Currently Amended). The device of claim 7 wherein the strip is adhered to a  
2       base sheet surrounded by indicator gaps which reveal the base sheet of substantially less width  
3       than the transfer sheet.

1           16. (Canceled).

1           17. (Canceled).

1           18. (Canceled).

1           19. (Canceled).

1           20. (Canceled).

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1           23. (Canceled).

1           24.     (Canceled).

1           25.     (Canceled).

1           26.     (Canceled).

1           27.     (Canceled).

1           28.     (Canceled).

1           29.     (Canceled).

1           30.     (Canceled).

1           31.     (Canceled).

1           32.     (Canceled).

1           33.     (Canceled).

1           34.     (Canceled).

1           35.     (Canceled).

1           36. (Canceled).

1           37. (Canceled).

1           38. (Canceled).

1           39. (Canceled).

1           40. (Canceled).

1           41. (Canceled).

1           42. (Currently Amended). A device for deterring pets from contacting soil  
2 comprising:  
3           a substantially rigid flat corrugated substrate;  
4           a strip having a first adhesive surface and a second adhesive surface, the strip releasably  
5 adhered to the corrugated substrate on the first adhesive surface; and,  
6           a release layer adhered on the second adhesive surface.

1           43. (Original). The device of claim 42 wherein the substrate is plastic.

1           44. (Original). The device of claim 42 wherein the substrate is colored.

1           45. (Original). The device of claim 42 wherein the release layer further comprises  
2       two separately removable portions.

1           46. (Canceled).

1           47. (Currently Amended). The device of claim 1 45 wherein ~~the length of each of the~~  
2       ~~plurality of rectangular strips is about 12 inches long and the width of each of the plurality of~~  
3       ~~rectangular strips is about 2 inches wide~~ a plurality of strips are placed side by side on the  
4       corrugated substrate separated by an indicator means for distinguishing between a cut between  
5       the two separately removable portions and a margin of the plurality of strips.

1           48. (Canceled).